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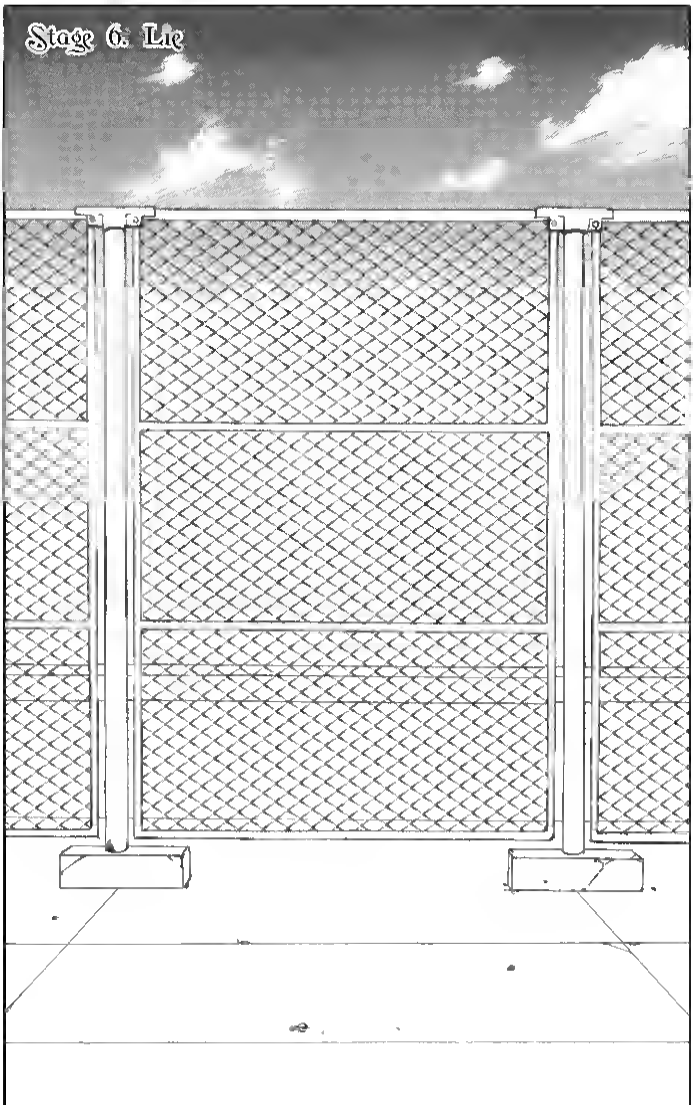

Stage 6: Lie

KAWAZAKI-SENPAI!
Crunch
Slam
Dash

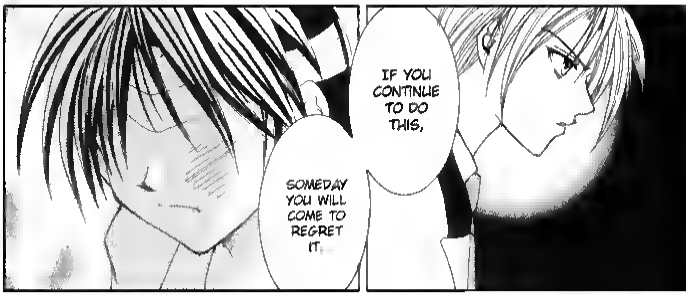
stomp
stomp
stomp
stomp
stomp
stomp

HEY...
YOU DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS A TERRACE HERE, ?
Heh Heh
YOU LOOK AWFUL..
Leg

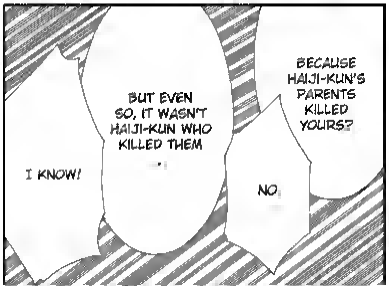
YOU'RE NOT DEAD, RIGHT?!
YOU'RE NOT DEAD, RIGHT?!
Ding
Ding
WOULD SUGAWARA HAJIME KUN OF GROUP 4 YEAR 3
PLEASE COME IMMEDIATELY TO THE INFIRMARY
YOU'RE NOT DEAD
YOU'RE NOT DEAD

Infirmary
SLAM
stomp stomp stomp
Haiji?
HAIJI-KUN!
I TWISTED MY ANKLE!

STOMP
PLOP
WOULD YOU GIVE ME A PIGGY-BACK RIDE?
WH-WHY?!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO DEAL WITH IDIOTS


IF YOU CONTINUE TO DO THIS,
SOMEDAY YOU WILL COME TO REGRET IT.

HE'S SUCH A COLD PERSON
STUDENT PRESIDENT

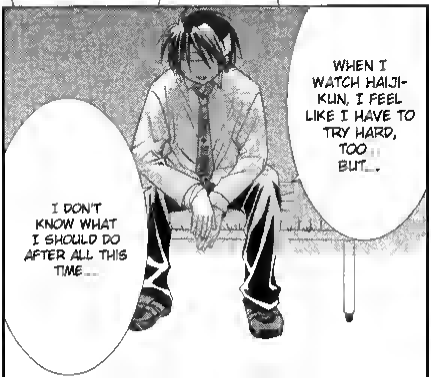

BECAUSE HAIJI-KUN'S PARENTS KILLED YOURS?
BUT EVEN SO, IT WASN'T HAIJI-KUN WHO KILLED THEM
I KNOW!
NO.

ARE YOU MAD, AMASAWA-SAN?
NO

I-I'M SORR--
I...

I THINK THAT HE SUFFERED A LOT BECAUSE HIS PARENTS ARE MURDERERS,

HAIJI-KUN
HAS IT TOUGH


SO HE STUDIED, GOT INTO THE STUDENT COUNCIL HELD A PART-TIME JOB, AND TRIED SO HARD...
BUT HE DIDN'T WANT TO BECOME LIKE THEM,
WHEN I WATCH HAIJI-KUN, I FEEL LIKE I HAVE TO TRY HARD, TOO... BUT...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO AFTER ALL THIS TIME...

HAIJI-KUN UNDERSTANDS
AND SO...
I'M AN IDIOT AGAIN.
HE UNDER-STANDS

EH, I-IT'S FINE..
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?! YOUR FOOT?! I'LL CARRY YOU ON MY BACK!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT I'M PRETTY STRONG

IT'S ABOUT TIME WE GET BACK
AH!
For
IT'S THE END OF THIS POINTLESS TALK!
ALL RIGHTY!

I— I— I— I'M SORRY!!
What have I done?!

UP!!

BANG

NEXT TIME, I'LL CARRY YOU ON MY BACK LIKE AN ADULT WOULD, DEFINITELY!
NO, I SAID IT'S ALL RIGHT
I'M REALLY SORRY!
IT'S ALL RIGHT
BUT...
IT'S ALL RIGHT! I CAN WALK!
WERE YOU SURPRISED? HUH, HUH?
IT WAS JUST A JOKE 'CAUSE I WANTED TO SCARE YOU A LITTLE.
YOU'RE... LYING...
YOU TWISTED YOUR ANKLE...
AH, ARE YOU SHOCKED?
YEAH
THEN, NOTHING HURTS?!

YEAH.
YOU'RE NOT HURT?
YEAH.
THEN YOU CAN WALK?
OH,
SO IT WAS A LIE

I'M GLAD

I'M GLAD.
YOU'RE NOT HURT!

6 June
CULTURAL FESTIVAL!
Hum...
Hmph
ALL RIGHT, REI-CHAN, RAISE YOUR HANDS
YEP, ALL THE MEASUREMENTS ARE DONE
OH, NO!
JUST NOW, DIDN'T THAT REALLY HURT?!
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY

Which is why the costumes and interior design must be perfect...
GASP!
It's the annual culture festival!!
That's right! "Alice's Tea Party!"
HEY, MOMO-CHAN, ISN'T OUR CLASS HAVING A COFFEE LOUNGE?
Why, I'm sure, ma'am.
AH, IF ONLY THAT KUROGI-KUN WOULD COME TO SCHOOL.
I WONDER WHY HE'S ALWAYS SLACKING OFF.
We really going to make these fake flowers?
hey!
Ah— That's awesome. I'm looking forward to it!
How come only the girls get to decide?
BANG
BANG
KASHA
Ever since that time Yuugo-kun never came to school and I couldn't contact him
I was very relieved,
but then...
When I was troubled or wanted to cry,
Yuugo-kun was always there beside me.
Don't push yourself too hard alone.

What have I ever done for Yuugo-kun?
And...
I ignored Yuugo-kun's feelings and kept on investigating the case...
I NOTICED!!
THAT IT HAD TO BE TAKUMI... BUT...
The way I am, I can't say anything to Yuugo-kun.
I can't do anything to cheer him up.
I can't become Yuugo-kun's strength!!
So,
at the very least,
I'll search for the criminal for Yuugo-kun's sake!!

THAT'S TRUE BUT STILL THE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE CHILDREN PROTECTION INSTITUTION ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS
B-BUT THIS SCHOOL IS WITH THE MANAGER!

And then...

And then, surely..

"Stairway to heaven, stairway to heaven,

please fill my heart with light."

What should I do if only I had heard the names and numbers of all the people
So, I really have to directly ask about the attendance list of Shirohato Park?
But who should I ask
hmph
Student President-san's scary
And Rika-nii-senpai's scary too
Chicken shoulder
I'm not scary?
Ah, Yotsuji-senpai!
slip
Yotsuji-senpai's a soy-milk friend, and I can ask him about that without touching on the case.
KAWAZAKI-SENPAI?!
AH HA HA, WERE YOU SURPRISED?
Ba-bump
Ba-bump
PAT
KA-
KA-
EEEK!!

AH, THAT'S RIGHT!
I'm glad Kawazaki-senpai looks so happy
I have to keep quiet about investigating the case to Senpai since I want him to stay happy
Ah!
EVEN THOUGH I WAS ALWAYS FOLLOWING AMASAWA-SAN SHE DIDN'T NOTICE ME AT ALL!
EH? YOU'RE STILL WORRIED ABOUT THAT? I'M COMPLETELY ALL RIGHT.
I'M SORRY ABOUT BEFORE! YOU'RE NOT HURTING ANYMORE, RIGHT?!
WOW
MY CLASS IS DOING A COFFEE LOUNGE FOR THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL!
IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, PLEASE COME!
HERE'S AN INVITATION!
Alice's tea party
ALICE'S TEA PARTY ON THE SAKURAHATO PARK GROUNDS
ALICE'S TEA PARTY?!
EH? WHY?!
THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL... I'M NOT GOING TO IT.

BUT I THOUGHT THAT THERE ARE FUN THINGS AROUND KAWAZAKI-SENPAI, TOO

BECAUSE KAWAZAKI-SENPAI'S ALWAYS DOING DANGEROUS THINGS...

IT MIGHT BE TROUBLESOME, BUT I WANT YOU TO SEE THEM, THE FUN THINGS!!

WILL YOU DANCE WITH ME, MISS?
Ah!
B-but, at a time like this, I can't be the one playing around when Yuugo-kun is sad!!
NO!! Definitely no!!
WHA--?!
WHAT? WAS IT THAT SUB JUST NOW?
That wasn't it!!
NOOO!! I was lying! Wait a second!!

UM, I CAN'T BE PLAYING AROUND!
TH-THAT WAS FOR KAWAZAKI-SENPAI'S SITUATION. I DON'T DESERVE THAT
BUT, YOU CAN DO THE COFFEE LOUNGE?
THAT'S A JOB THE CLASS ENTRUSTED TO ME...
I UNDER-STAND.
THE ONE THAT SAID TO LOOK FOR FUN THINGS WAS AMASAWA-SAN.
hAng
P-PLEASE DANCE WITH ME KAWAZAKI-SENPAI
If you hate me that much, then I have no choice but to die. Ah, that's right, I'll die bravely
I'm glad! And here I was thinking you hated me ♡
I see! ♡
Of course not. yay. I'm looking forward to the dance!!
yaa~~ah
Energetic
so why suddenly...
I thought I was the one who was hated up until now,
look
look
look
IT...

SEEMS LIKE I SOMEHOW FELL IN LOVE WITH AMASAWA-SAN
AND BECAUSE OF THAT,
I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DANCE PARTY

"It was just a joke 'cause I wanted to scare you a little"
AH!
LOVE
Wh-why?
Why?"
Eh?
Eh?
EEHHHHHH?
He's just making fun of me.
That's it! That's right!! It's a joke!!
Just making fun..
Kawazaki-senpai's cheerful now.
It doesn't matter whether it's a joke or a lie
"I'll be looking forward to it"
If only someone would cheer me up.

BANG
eeter

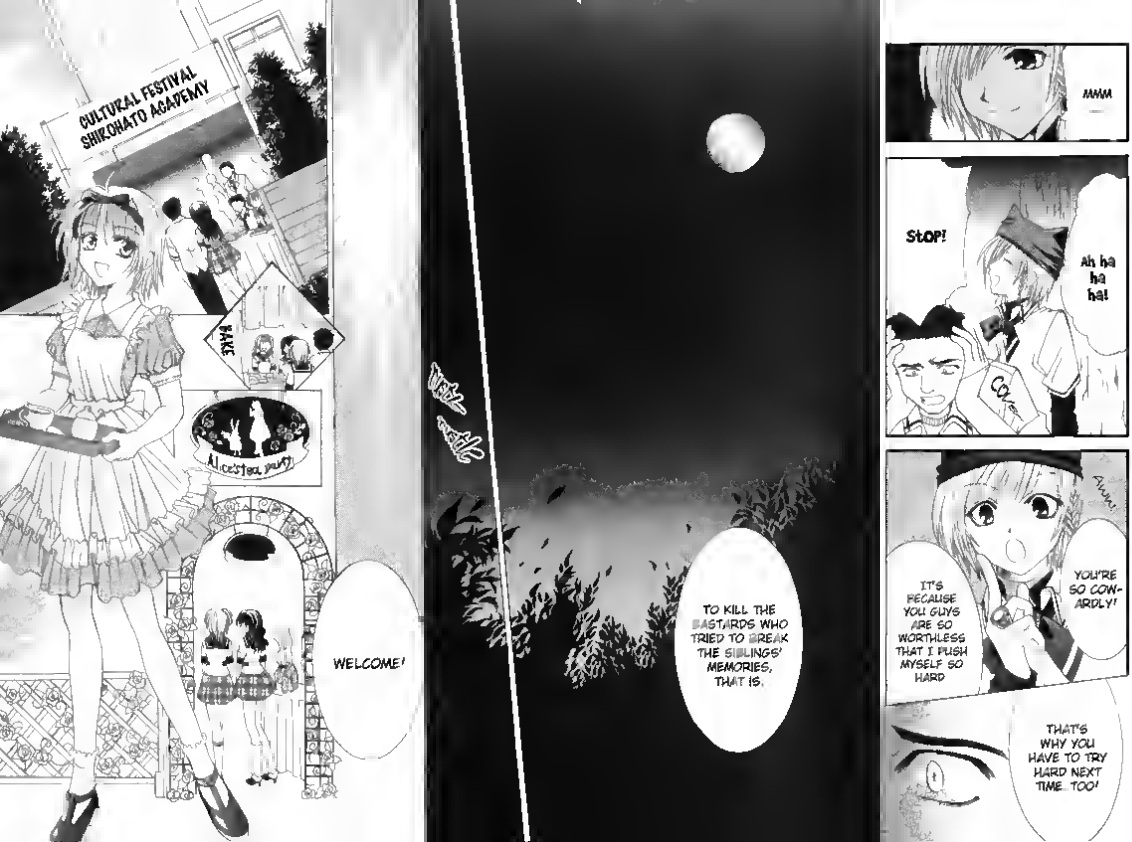
Ok time to go and meet Yotsuji sensei
thank

LOOK OUT!!
CLATTER

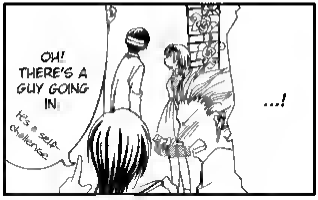
Natter natter
A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
UGH.
A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
Is he dead?
Didn't she dodge it?

Wh-what a mysterious person.
YOU WANTED TO PROTECT ME, DIDN'T YOU?
AH!!
HM?
A—
AH!
LWAAH!
PLEASE, WAIT!

MITSUKI-CHAN
I HEARD THAT YOU WANTED TO SAVE REI-CHAN?
AND THIS WAS EVEN AFTER I SAID TO FOLLOW HER SO THAT WE WOULDN'T BE DISCOVERED
YOU'RE SO KIND, OH, SO KIND, MITSUKI-CHAN!
BUT,
EVERYONE'S SAYING SO; THAT MITSUKI-CHAN'S A MATURE, GOOD CHILD
EVEN THEN, YOU CAN'T MAKE IT SO THE PAST YOU DOESN'T EXIST


CULTURAL FESTIVAL
SHIKOHATO ACADEMY
CAKE
Alice's tea party
WELCOME!
Wish... castle
TO KILL THE BASTARDS WHO TRIED TO BREAK THE SIBLINGS' MEMORIES, THAT IS.
MMM
STOP!
Ah ha ha ha!
Aww!
YOU'RE SO COWARDLY!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE SO WORTHLESS THAT I PUSH MYSELF SO HARD
THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE TO TRY HARD NEXT TIME, TOO!

HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO WATCH HER?
None of the guys are going in.
You haven't changed! That habit of peeking in from behind trees at all from the past
Shut up! Like I'd go into that lalalan♪ atmosphere!!
THAT'S TRUE--SHE'LL PROBABLY LAUGH AT YOU


OH! THERE'S A GUY GOING IN.
It's self-challenge.
...!

TH-THAT'S KAWAZAKI!

HMM, WELL, IF THEY'RE A COUPLE, EVEN IF THEY'RE EMBARRASSED, THEY'D STILL GO TOGETHER.
Shut up!!
AND SO, I'M SORRY FOR YOU
...
IT SEEMS AMAZINGLY ELABORATE.
Ha ha
IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE EATEN HOMEMADE ICEBOX COOKIES
IT SEEMS LIKE I'VE FORGOTTEN THE TASTE...
AH, THE GUYS BAKED THOSE WE WERE SO CARRIED AWAY BY THE TABLE DESIGN THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME.
ISN'T IT USUALLY THE OTHER WAY AROUND?
Ha ha
IT'S A LITTLE EMBARRASSING
-ap
Right? The girls from my class designed them.
AH, BUT THE COOKIES ARE DELICIOUS
Eh?!

I'm glad
I invited him to come today.
Kawazaki-senpai's laughing...
I'm glad.
YEAH, I USED TO MAKE QUITE A FEW OF THESE, BUT HAVEN'T LATELY SINCE I WENT TO THE INSTITUTION.
HOME-MADE?!
Really?
ANYONE CAN MAKE THEM. WANT ME TO TEACH YOU NEXT TIME?
Eh?! You made them? Kawazaki-senpai? Wow!
I'm glad
...

I'LL BE GOING TO THE LOCKER ROOM, SO PLEASE WAIT AT THE ENTRANCE HALL.
AH, OK.
I'LL GO AND CHANGE NOW!
clatter
EXCUSE ME!
I'm such an idiot!
I was the one who said that I didn't have time to be playing around, but in the end, I was the only one enjoying it.
It was a lie.
It was a lie.
Kawazaki-senpai wasn't really laughing!

Rei?
I'm an idiot!!

KAWAZAKI!!

SLAT
CRYING?
Why is Rei crying?! Huh?!
Why you!
HEY, KEN-CHAN, YOU CAME
CLATTER
EEK!!
SHATTER
1-3
step step step step
Rei?
!?

BRRRRING
BRRRRING

WE WANT YOU!

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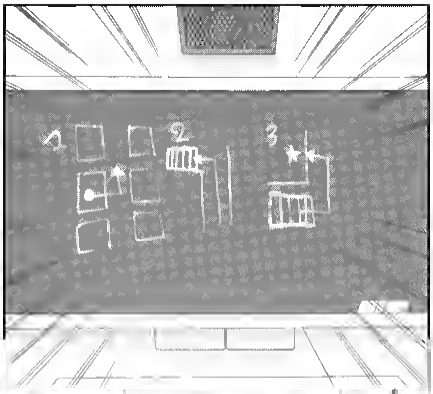
BRRRRRING
BRRRRING
REI-CHAN'S RIGHT OVER HERE!
HELLO, ICCHAN?
!!?
BEEP
dash
WHY DID YOU... REI...
BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THAT HAPPY FACE JUST DOESN'T SUIT ICCHAN ACTUALLY, IT MADE ME QUITE SICK!
BINGO ☆ I'M SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR DATE!
HARU-CHAN?!

STAGE 7: THE PLACE WHERE MY HEART LIVES

HUH? KEN-CHAN'S THERE TOO?
SHUT UP, YOU BAS-TARD!
AWW, THAT'S A PROBLEM. OH WELL!
KEN-CHAN!!
HEY! WHAT KIND OF CRAP ARE YOU SCHEM-ING NOW?! I'M LISTENING!
Mumu!
Mumu!
I WONDER IF IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR KEN-CHAN TO BE SAYING SUCH THINGS TO ME
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
Icchan.
Ch.
P!

WHAT'D YOU SAY?!
Stop!!
SHOVE
BANG
Tock!!
crash
crash

BASTARD!! WHAT DID YOU DO TO REI?!
I'M NOT JOKING HERE...
DO THE TWO OF YOU FEEL LIKE PARTICIPATING IN THE GAME NOW?
I'LL EXPLAIN THE RULES OF THE GAME NOW!
THE GAME'S A SIMPLE WALK RALLY!
JUST FOLLOW THE MAPS! IF YOU DO THAT, YOU'LL REACH REI CHAN!


1
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3

HEY, THAT—!

IF YOU BREAK THE RULES, THE GAME ENDS AND I KILL REI-CHAN!
YOU TWO ARE THE ONLY ONES PARTICIPATING! YOU CAN'T TELL ANYONE ELSE JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING FUNNY, I'LL BE CALLING YOU!
GAME START!
THE TIME LIMIT IS TWO HOURS!

I'M WORRIED ABOUT REI THERE'S NO TIME TO EXPLAIN. LET'S HURRY

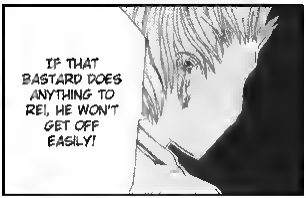
KEN-CHAN. .
WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHY REI?!

1
2
THIS MARK HERE IS PROBABLY THE 1-3 CLASSROOM WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW
IT'S PROBABLY HERE
What?
How do you know? Show me, too.
SHATTER
IT MUST BE HERE!
A WALK RALLY'S THAT KIND OF GAME, AH!
Ah! Like I'd be able to understand this screwed up map, moron!
2~1
Aaaaaaaa...
AGAIN...
1
2
3

THIS MUST BE RIGHT
ISN'T THIS THE BACK GATE? IS IT ALL RIGHT TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL?
LOOK
PANT PANT
DAMN IT!

Hi— Is Icchan trying hard?
I know ...
HELLO.
RRRING
RRRING
...
Damnit I didn't know Nanase was a Bastard that needed to get Beaten that Badly!
Pinch

DON'T WORRY, SHE'S NOT DEAD. PLEASE KEEP ON TRYING HARD WITH THAT SMALL FRY ATTITUDE OF YOURS. ☆
...kind of person he is!
IS RE! ALL RIGHT?
I know what


IF THAT BASTARD DOES ANYTHING TO RE!, HE WON'T GET OFF EASILY!

Damn it! He's gone it now!
beep beep
kick

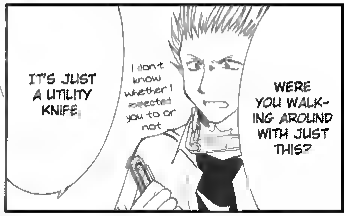
H... OK.
Hmfh, let's GO!!
rip

NO, NOTHING.
WHAT'S WRONG?
UGH!
SHOVE

Pant pant

BECAUSE, UM, YOU'VE BEEN THE ONLY ONE READING THE MAPS EVER SINCE WE STARTED.
EH?
AH! YOU GO AND REST A BIT!

Y-YOU'VE CHANGED SOMEHOW, KEN-CHAN
Wha—? What are you laughing about?! Is this the time for that?!
HUH? I'M LAUGHING?
THEN I'LL FOLLOW YOU LATER. CAN YOU TAKE THIS AND REI'S PHS?

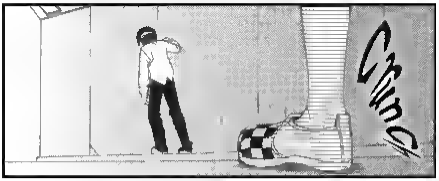

WERE YOU WALKING AROUND WITH JUST THIS?
I don't know whether I protected you to or not
IT'S JUST A UTILITY KNIFE

LIKE I'D USE SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

YOU WON'T USE IT FOR ANYTHING WEIRD, WILL YOU? I'M GIVING THIS TO YOU 'CAUSE I TRUST YOU

but I didn't notice it becoming numb
Stick
Stick
I thought I was fine after jumping off the building roof onto the terrace,

It's true...
Someday you'll regret it.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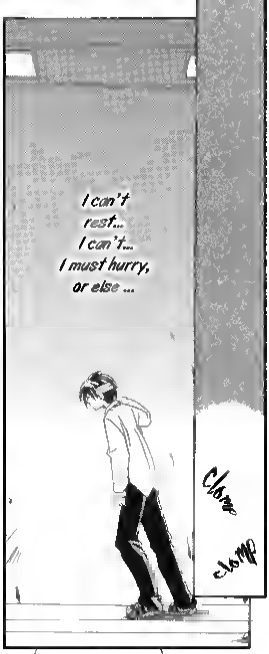

I can't rest... I can't... I must hurry, or else ...
Clomp
Clomp

IS IT ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO BE SLACKING OFF LIKE THIS,
ICCHAN?

Bang
Ring
Ring
Rustle
Rustle
Where are you going?
Onii-chan?
Rustle
Rustle
Ah
Wait, Onii-chan!

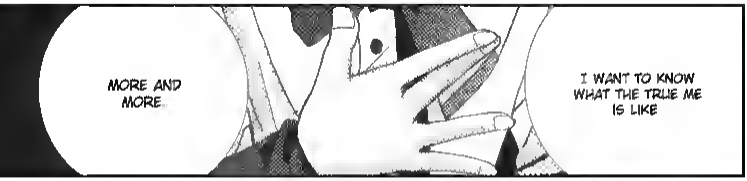
That person...
My head's pounding...
Where am I?
WHY?! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
YOU?!
Ah...
YOU'RE FROM SHIROHATO PARK, TOO?!
Takumi-kun?!
Onii-chan...?!
But...
Sigh
BECAUSE... YOU WERE LOOKING INTO TAKUMI-KUN'S CASE.

SO, IT'S NOTHING LIKE WHAT YOU THINK
EH?
I... WAS PRETTY BLOCKHEADED, WASN'T I?
THEN, WHY DID YOU SAVE ME THAT TIME?
This person...
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT...
NO REASON .. IN THE END, IT'S JUST A PIECE OF LUMBER THAT DECIDED TO FALL DOWN ON ITS OWN...
NO! I WASN'T LAUGHING!
...SORRY!
dash
?!
AH! WAIT!
YOU COULD HAVE BEEN HURT!

I can't move?
I'm... tied up?!
Where... am I?!
COUGH
COUGH
HARU-CHAN, WHY
COUGH
'CAUSE I THOUGHT THAT IF I WAITED AND KEPT WATCH AT A CHECKPOINT, THAT INTERLOPER WOULD BE LEAVE
I THOUGHT THAT I'D REACH MY ORIGINAL GOAL WITH A BANG!
COUGH
COUGH
AWW, ICCHAN, I HAVE TO MAKE YOU HURT A BIT MORE OR IT'LL BE BORING!

FROM THE BEGINNING, THERE WAS NO GOAL LIKE THE ONE YOU IMAGINED IN THIS GAME, YOU KNOW?
DIDN'T YOU NOTICE? THERE'S NO POINT TO A GAME THIS SIMPLE.
GOAL...?
YEP!
Jotter
AS LONG AS YOU DESPERATELY RAN AROUND, IT WAS ALL RIGHT.
THE GOAL WAS TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR ME
ba-bum
ba-bum
THE GOAL THAT IS WAITING FOR YOU IS REI-CHAN'S DEATH.
I WANTED TO SEE WHAT YOU'D BE LIKE IF YOU SEE HER DIE.
THE GAME'S SO TROUBLESOME. SO THAT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE
MAYBE I SHOULD HURRY UP AND KILL REI-CHAN
AND, BESIDES, THAT INCIDENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR SECRET.
EVEN SO, SHE REPORTED IT TO THE POLICE AND HAS BEEN GOING AROUND INVESTIGATING IT

ICCHAN THINKS SO TOO, RIGHT?
THE SECRET SHOULD BE PROTECTED.
YOU SAY THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW.
DIDN'T I SAY? I'M NOT JOKING AROUND I'M SERI-OUS
DON'T JOKE AROUND ...
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BUT THE TRUE ME HAD TO ALWAYS BE SUP-PRESSED.
I WAS BEATEN DOWN, YOU KNOW, HA HA!
ICCHAN KNOWS DOESN'T ME--THE TRUE
BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE.
TRUTHFULLY, I INTENDED TO SEE AND ENJOY THE OUTCOME OF THE CASE REAL-LY SOON,
PERHAPS I GOT TIRED OF ALL THOSE CATS!


MORE AND MORE...
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE TRUE ME IS LIKE

WOULD ICCHAN RATHER DIE AS WELL?
OR...
SO ICCHAN SHOULD BECOME SERIOUS, TOO
IF YOU'RE NOT, YOU CAN'T STOP ME.

EVER SINCE A LONG TIME AGO I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHETHER I WOULD KILL ICCHAN FIRST OR WOULD ICCHAN COMMIT SUICIDE FIRST,
BUT IT SEEMS I'M FIRST...
WELL, AT ANY RATE, IF REI-CHAN DIES ICCHAN CAN'T LIVE ON ANYMORE, RIGHT?
BECAUSE IF ICCHAN LIKES SOMETHING... HE LOVES IT WHOLE-HEARTEDLY
WHAT? WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?
WHY DON'T YOU BE MORE SCARED MORE IMPATIENT?!
OK
WHEN I SEE YOU, I GET IR-RITATED!!
I DON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE THINKING AT ALL!
KICK
KICK
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR TRUE FEELINGS?
KICK

DAMN, WHAT DO THEY WANT?
Vvvvvv
Pant
Pant

Kick
I'm getting along well with my friends!
me? yep! I'm doing fine!
hello? papa?!
Click
Oh, really?! This sunday? I'm looking forward to it
yup! yup! see you!

IT'S LIKE THEY FEEL GUILTY ABOUT LEAVING ME AT SHIROHATO PARK WHEN I WAS A KID BECAUSE OF WORK.
BUT IT'S REALLY FUNNY WHEN THEY LISTEN TO EVERYTHING I SAY.

SIGH
MY PARENTS ARE SUPER NAIVE--THEY CALL ME EVERY DAY.
IT'S ACTUALLY A BIT ANNOYING.

IT'S HORRIBLE THAT PEOPLE LIKE THEM COULD GIVE BIRTH TO A MONSTER LIKE ME, ISN'T IT?

YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TREATED KINDLY BY ANYONE BEFORE
ARE YOU JEALOUS?

Ah ha ha!
WHICH IS WHY YOU MISUNDERSTOOD WHEN YOU WERE TREATED A BIT KINDLY BY REI-CHAN!

PLEASE, STOP!!

PLEASE! DON'T KILL HER!!
I'M BEGGING YOU!!

SHOVE
YOU'VE FINALLY SHOWN YOUR TRUE SELF TO ME!!
AH HA HA!
GRAB
AW, COME ON! STAND UP!! IT'S NOT OVER YET!
AH HA HA HA!
THE TRUE END
STARTS NOW
GRAB
GRAB
GRAB...

WE WANT YOU!

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STAGE 8: THE INTENTION TO KILL REFLECTED IN THE MIRROR

LOOK AT WHAT'S ON THE IRON BRIDGE
...
drop
ICCHAN.
REI?!!

PRETTY SOON THE CARGO TRAIN'S GOING TO CROSS THE BRIDGE...
I WONDER WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO REI-CHAN?
...I SEE. REI'S ON THE IRON BRIDGE...
COME ON! THAT'S WHAT I JUST SAID, DIDN'T I?

?!
SO HE SAYS, KEN-CHAN
Damn! Got it!
WHEN DID HE STEAL MY CELLPHONE?!
Could it have been at that time?!
HARU-CHAN WAS IN SUCH A GOOD MOOD THAT HE DIDN'T NOTICE ME
TAKING THE CELLPHONE FROM HIS POCKET
...THEN, THAT WAS TO STEAL THE CELLPHONE FROM ME?!

IF THAT WASN'T JUST A COVER-UP,
DO YOU THINK I'D DO SOMETHING AS LOW AS THAT?!
KU... HMHM!
THIS IS FOR THE BEST...
YOU'RE THE WORST!!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO HIDE YOUR TRUE SELF?!
BANG
BANG
ISN'T IT DIFFICULT?! ISN'T IT PAINFUL?!
HUMPH. I CAN'T SPEND ANY MORE TIME PLAYING WITH YOU! I HAVE TO GO!!
STOMP

CLANK CLANK
Is something coming...?
Rei
...

REI!!
REI!!
ONII-CHAN?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?! AND WHY AM I TIED UP?!
WHAT?
YOTSUJI-SENPAI!!
DASH

DROP
Clix
Sh
Ch
Goooooooh
CRASH

DAMN IT!!

SHIT!
Clank
Clank
Ste

AH..
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! DON'T JUST STAND THERE! DO SOMETHING!!
AH.
MITSUKI-CHAN
!
REI..
REI!!
SPLASH
SPLASH
I CAN'T GET THE ROPE UNTIED!!
SPLASH
SPLASH

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING? YOU WEREN'T PLANNING TO SAVE REI-CHAN, WERE YOU?
GYU
?!
DASH

REI-CHAN HAS TO DIE! IF NOT, WE'LL BE THE ONES IN TROUBLE!!
HAH! ARE YOU GOING TO BACK OUT HALFWAY THROUGH THE PLAN? YOU COWARD!!
YOU REALLY ARE USELESS NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO!! YOU'RE TRASH!!

shock
THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BECOME EVERYONE'S LAUGHING-STOCK!!
"I'm not laughing!"
At that time,
you didn't laugh.
Actually...

The only one laughing...
In fact, the only one laughing...
...no one was laughing.
...was me!!
I WAS THE ONE...
WHO WAS LAUGHING I LAUGHED AT MYSELF...
THAT'S WHY...

?!
WAIT!!
THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO SAVE HER!!
WA—

MITSUKI..!!
Mitsuki-chan!!
MITSUKI-CHAN!!
MITSUKI-CHAN!!

GO AWAY!!
Takada Hospital
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!!
Bang
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS?! MITSUKI AND ICCHAN BOTH..!!
YOU'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT AS ME!!

YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO HIDE YOUR TRUE SELF!
YOU'RE ALL JUST TRASH!
YOU HYPOCRITE!!
KAWASAKI-SENPAI.
RE— I MEAN, AMASAWA-SAN.
HOW IS HE?
HE'S IN NO CONDITION TO TALK RIGHT NOW.

HUH?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, AMASAWA-SAN?
...MORE IMPORTANTLY,
COULD THAT PERSON BE ONIICHAN, THEN...?
...MITSUKI-CHAN
YOTSUJI-SENPAI SEEMS LIKE HE CAUGHT A COLD, SO HE'S GETTING TREATED RIGHT NOW
REALLY
I GUESS YOU'RE FINE, TOO.
That's still dangerous, though.
YES! I ONLY HAD A LIGHT CONCUSSION!!
AMASAWA-SAN, GO HOME AND REST UP.
I'LL BE HERE FOR A LITTLE LONGER.
YEAH...
OH, OK... KAWAZAKI-SENPAI, DON'T PUSH YOURSELF EITHER
...ICCHAN TOO...
I THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS

THEN, GOOD NIGHT
ICCHAN,
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED...
...NOT LONG AFTER WE MET?
I WAS GIVING A CAT A HAIRCUT.
THE CAT RESISTED AND STRUGGLED. SO THE SCISSORS ENDED UP CUTTING ITS SKIN. AND THEN, LOTS AND LOTS OF BLOOD FLOWED OUT.
I WAS HOLDING SCISSORS WITH BLOOD ON MY HANDS.
WHICH YOU HAPPEN TO SEE.

"Hey, Ichan!"

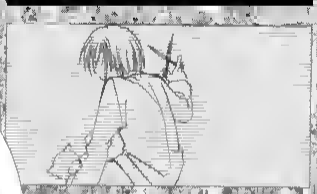
"This suits you better."

"Yeah..."

"You're right."

"Haru-chan...?"

"What are you doing...?"



"Lots and lots of blood will flow out of you, too, if you get a cut, just like the cat did."

"Should I perhaps give you one, too?"

"...?"

COULDN'T YOU TELL THAT I WAS JUST GIVING THE CAT A HAIRCUT?

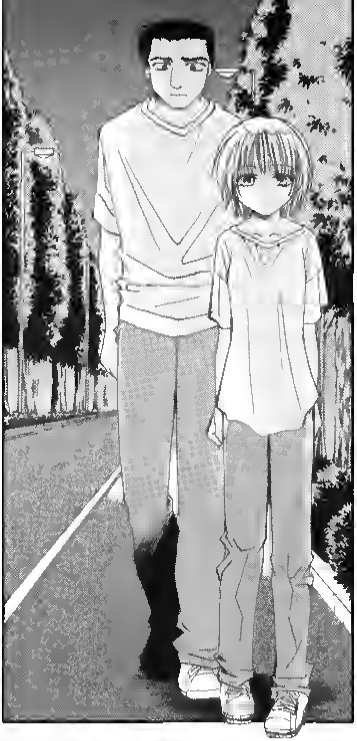
AND, DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID?

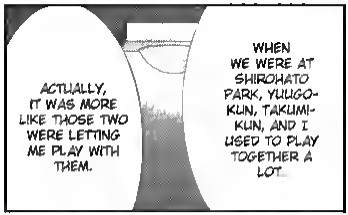
SINCE THEN YOU ALWAYS LOOK AS IF YOU'VE KILLED YOUR TRUE SELF... THIS WAS ALWAYS ON MY MIND...
I ONLY WANTED TO MAKE SOME FRIENDS...
BECAUSE YOU AND I ARE THE SAME
YOU'RE AN IDIOT,
HARU-CHAN.
I THOUGHT THAT IF I WAS WITH YOU WE COULD MAYBE BE EYE TO BE ON EVERYTHING...

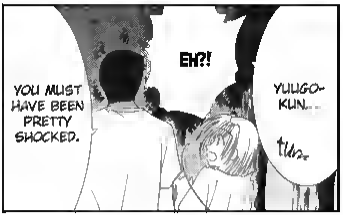
Where should I begin...?

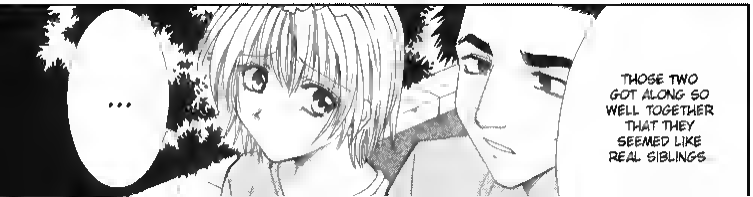
Even though there's so many things I want to ask him about,

it's too much for me to ask them all right now..




WHEN WE WERE AT SHIROHATO PARK, YUUGO-KUN, TAKUMI-KUN, AND I USED TO PLAY TOGETHER A LOT.
ACTUALLY, IT WAS MORE LIKE THOSE TWO WERE LETTING ME PLAY WITH THEM.


EH?!
YUUGO-KUN...
tdz..
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN PRETTY SHOCKED.


THOSE TWO GOT ALONG SO WELL TOGETHER THAT THEY SEEMED LIKE REAL SIBLINGS
...

I THINK ... I KNOW MOST OF IT...
HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT TAKUMI-KUN'S MURDER?
Don't tell this to anyone!!
Then, tell me...!
IT'S STILL TOO EARLY.
WHEN YOU DO THAT, I'LL TELL EVERYONE...
CAN YOU GATHER EVERYONE TO SHIROHATO PARK?
IF POSSIBLE, EVERYONE
...THE TRUTH ABOUT THE INCIDENT!!

YOU CAN'T WRITE MY RECOMMENDATION?
HOW COME, SENSEI?
I'M REALLY SORRY, SUGAWARA-KUN BUT WE CAN ONLY WRITE SO MANY RECOMMENDATIONS, SO WE HAVE TO GIVE THE OTHER STUDENTS A CHANCE
I'M ASKING WHAT THE REASON IS FOR YOU TO REFUSE TO WRITE ONE FOR ME!
Is there any reason for not writing my university recommendation when I have excellent grades, am good in all sports, have an attractive figure, and, above all, serve as the student president?!
SINCE YOU'RE ALREADY THE BEST, WOULDN'T YOU BE ONE OF THE FIRST TO BE ACCEPTED?
BUT, THEN THEY'LL FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR PARENTS, RIGHT?

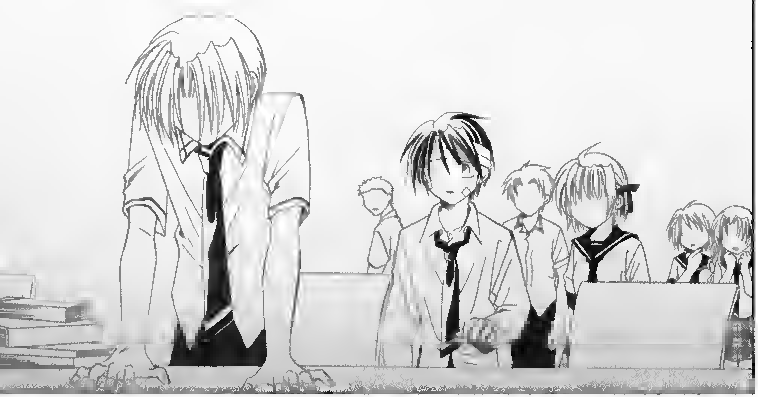
Always...
SUGAWARA!!
grab
EEK!
YOU KNEW?!
Always, always, always!
My parents are always getting in the way!
Because his parents are like that
No matter how diligent he is, he's still the child of murderers right?
Well be better off not staying away
HUMPH HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO HOLD ME BACK?
Ho Ho
Hehehehehe
Hehehehehe
Hehehehehe

I WANT TO GATHER EVERYONE, SO WE CAN FIND OUT THE TRUTH ABOUT THAT INCIDENT
...ABOUT WHAT...?
TALK..?
KAWASAKI-SENPAI MAY NOT WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH,
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW ONE OF OUR SIBLINGS CAN BE A CRIMINAL...
But we definitely can't continue on like this!!
Put an end to it, huh...
That's why I want to put an end to this!!

Eeeeeeeeek!!!
It's the student president!!
pitter patter
AND THEN...?
All right! Time to study!!
Bang
Eek
stomp stomp
AH, HAIJI ... KUN?
HAIJI-KUN DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
Studying's SOOO much fun!! Ha ha ha!
Did he lose it?
THUD
I DON'T LIKE IT WHEN YOU GET ALL SERIOUS YOU'RE A BIT SCARY WHENEVER SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS

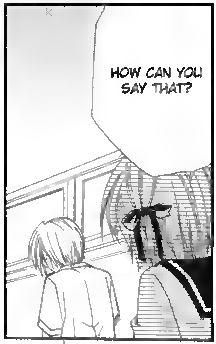
IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN TALK TO ME
I MEAN... AFTER ALL, WE WERE TOGETHER EVEN BEFORE WE WENT TO SHIROHATO PARK...
Talk...
BRRRRNG
BRRRRNG
You can talk to me about anything...
BRRRRNG
...because I'm right here by your side
SHUT UP!!

T-THAT'S NOT—
SHUT UP!
DO I LOOK SO PITIFUL ...
THAT I HAVE TO BE PITIED BY A GUY LIKE YOU?
YOU'RE AN EYESORE!!
Don't...
DISAPPEAR FROM MY SIGHT!!
...care about me!!



AND YOU'RE ALL RIGHT WITH THAT...?
BUT KAWASAKI-SENPAI...!!
YOU MAY THINK YOU'RE STRONG,

I CAN SAY WHATEVER I WANT TO PEOPLE.


HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?

IS THERE SUCH A THING AS A STRONG PERSON...?

KAWASAKI-SENPAI'LL COMMIT SUICIDE? HA! IF HE REALLY WANTS TO DIE, THEN HE WOULD'VE DIED A LONG TIME AGO
"KAWASAKI-SENPAI" WHAT?
HUH?

There were days when I'd say to mom "He's irritat-

Whenever something happened, he'll say, "I'm useless," and then escape through alcohol.
It got to the point where he would even drive to work totally drunk.

YOU THINK THAT IF YOU SHOW YOUR WEAK SIDE TO EVERYONE, THEN THEY'LL BE NICE TO YOU?
I ABSOLUTELY CAN'T STAND PEOPLE LIKE THAT.
That's what my dad was like!

Those bastards were the ones who killed your parents!!
Sho
Mother, although abused by a man like that,
was always compassionate lately worried about him
And yet, he was happy with just that!!
Just because you're weak, does that mean you can't do anything?!
Does that mean you always have to be treated with kindness?!
GO AHEAD AND BE SWEET AND KIND TO HIM.
THAT WAY HE'LL DEPEND ON YOU MORE THAN HE DOES ON ME
IT'LL FEEL GREAT WHEN YOU'RE THE ONE GETTING ABUSED BY HIS MAKE-BELIEVE SUICIDES BECAUSE I'M SICK OF HIM DEPENDING ON ME JUST BECAUSE WE WERE IN THE SAME INSTITUTION!

THE TWO OF YOU MAKE A GREAT COUPLE
YOU'RE SATISFIED NOW THAT YOU FEEL NEEDED, RIGHT?
YOU'RE OK WITH DEPENDING ON HIM, TOO, RIGHT?
Eeek!!
CRASH
push

Kawasaki-senpai...
WHAT HAPPENED?!
HE SUDDENLY HIT HIS HEAD AGAINST THE MIRROR.
It may be just as the Student President says, but...
But...
I wanted to be like Onichan to him.
Just like how Onichan cheered me up, I wanted to cheer Kawasaki-senpai up, too.
Kawasaki-senpai...?

I'm sorry.
I couldn't stop Kawasaki-senpai from doing those things.
I'm sorry.
I really do only think of myself.
I'm sorry.
But,
that wasn't it.
That was why...
...I was happy...
...when I made Kawasaki-senpai smile.

Look!
Look! It's a
Christmas
tree!
I WISH HUH-KUN WOULD
BECOME A MURDER PERSON
ドキッ
ドキッ

Issei?!
Takeda Hospital
IS THIS THE STAIRWAY...
..TO HEAVEN...?

Happy Birthday, liiz
liiz, happy birthday and welcomeback! We've missed you here! -risey
Happy Birthday Liiz! Welcome back, too~ -Moonies
Happy birthday. Lots of joy, dont eat too much cookies and candy and other good stuff! Enjoy yourself cause its YOUR birthday! ^_^ ~LadyMeep
liiz, HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Be sure to have lots of fun on your special day <333 ~kokoro-chin
DEAR LIZZIE, EVEN THOUGH, YOU ONCE INSULTED KZ'S LOOKS... I BEGRUDINGLY OFFER YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY. LOVE TOTOCHAN!
The world is such a busy place
that many times we find
We haven't even mentioned things
that often come to mind
That's why this day is welcome
for the perfect chance it brings
To wish someone as nice as you
the best of life's good things.
Happy Birthday
Happy wishes for a great birthday! ~Underground
As they say, "If you want to wish someone a happy birthday 3first, let me say, thankyou, mazel tov, a blessing back at ya, namaste and let's have fun." Have a wonderful day and congratulations for surviving another year. ~Happy Birthday! ~Kai
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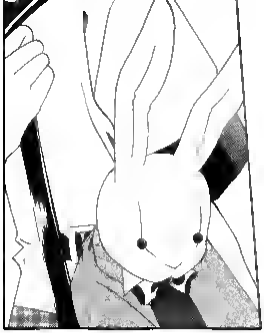
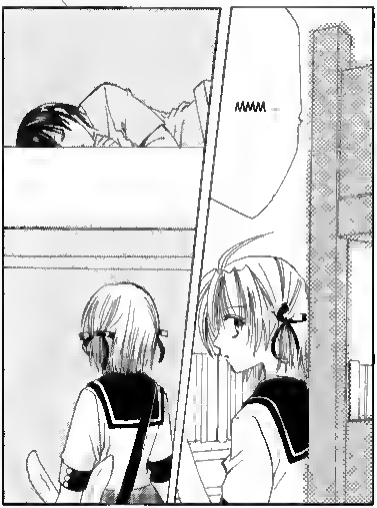
"Can you gather everyone to Shirohato park?"
"When you do that, I'll tell everyone the truth about the incident..."

YUUGO-KUN,
ONO-SENPAI SAID HE'D
TELL US THE TRUTH ABOUT
THAT INCIDENT. THIS
SUNDAY, ALL OF OUR
SIBLINGS ARE MEETING AT
THE SHIROHATO PARK
RUINS. PLEASE COME IF
YOU WANT TO
TAKEYA HOSPITAL



TO KAWASAKI-SENPAI

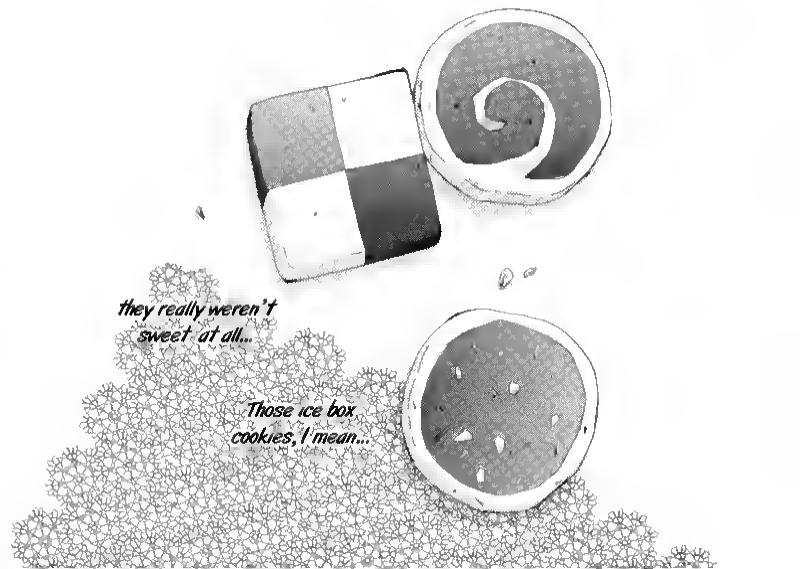
I'M SORRY FOR NOT BEING OF ANY HELP AT ALL. THIS SUNDAY ALL OF OUR SIBLINGS ARE MEETING AT THE SHIROHATO PARK RUINS. PLEASE REST AND GET WELL SOON SENPAI!



STAGE 6 THE LITTLE BIRD
WHO WAS LEFT TO DIE

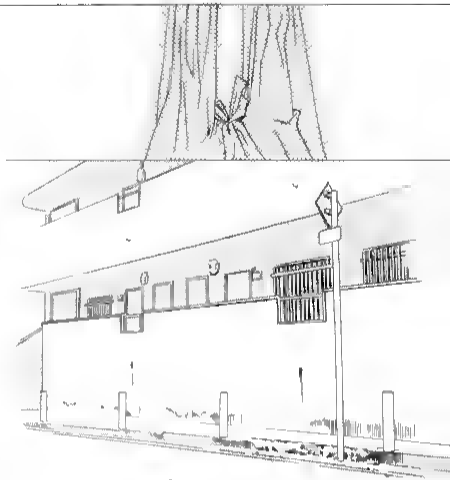
Someone said they were too sweet.

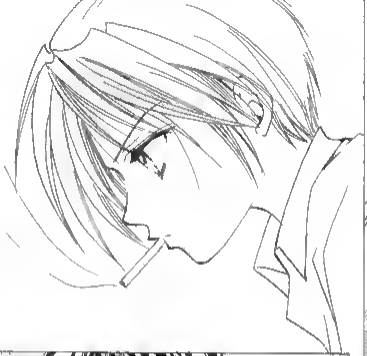
They were actually bitter! They were so bitter that I kept pouring sugar on it. But, in the end,



What side dishes should
I cook today?

Confinement Day 1





That's Hirji-kun, who lives nearby. He's so scary...
"He's smoking"

WHAT' RE YOU LOOKING AT, KAWASAKI BRAT?!
HUH? AH, I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT YOU WERE DOING

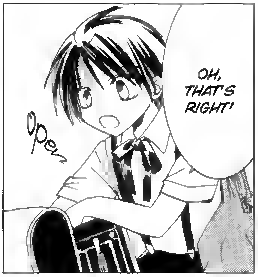
CAN'T YOU TELL JUST BY LOOKING AT IT? IT'S A TENT. A T-E-N-T!
COUGH
COUGH

DAD CAME BACK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE
...
WH
WHY ARE YOU PUTTING UP A TENT?
I'm not camping!!
THEN, YOU'RE CAMPING OUT WITH YOUR DAD?
EH? THAT'S GREAT!
CONFINEMENT?
THAT'S RIGHT. IF YOU STRETCH IT A LITTLE,
THEY THINK THAT I CAN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT RELYING ON SOMEONE
I'M GOING TO LIVE IN THIS TENT BY MYSELF STARTING TODAY.
it becomes a solitary confinement!!

EEK!!
I'M GOING TO SHOW THEM THAT A KID CAN LIVE INDEPENDENTLY!
He sure says some amazing things...
"Them...?"
AH.
...like saying that he'll live by himself.
MOTHER,
PLEASE HEAT THIS AND EAT IT.
ISSEI

That's just too ambitious.
claw?
claw?
MOTHER...?
MOTHER,
PLEASE HEAT THIS AND EAT IT.
ISSEI
crumm

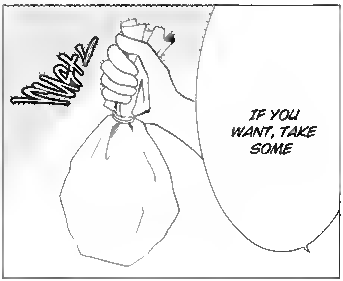
I'LL SHOW IT TO MOM!
SUCH A PRETTY FLOWER!
A CHARCOAL COOKER?
YEAH, I GOT IT FROM A BIG TRASH COLLECTION DAY.
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT? IT'S DISGUSTING

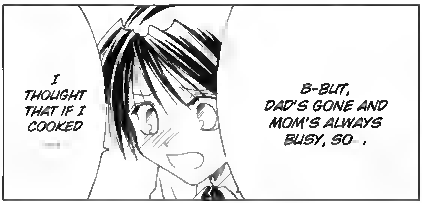

OH, THAT'S RIGHT!
Oper

HMM?
MY STOMACH HASN'T BEEN FEELING WELL FOR A WHILE NOW...
MUNCH
MUNCH

...
YOU EATING? I CAN COOK CRAYFISH, TOO
Chew
Chew

THEY'RE ICE BOX COOKIES I MADE IN COOKING CLUB
WHAT ARE THEY?


Wait
IF YOU WANT, TAKE SOME

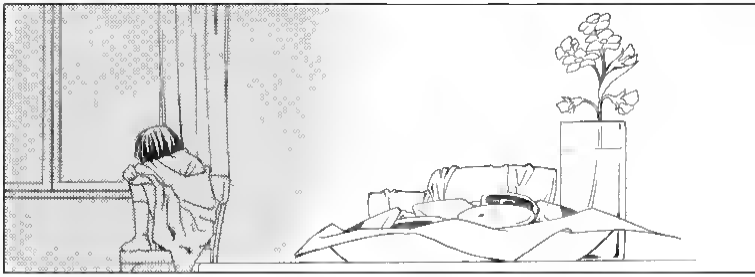

I THOUGHT THAT IF I COOKED
B-BUT, DAD'S GONE AND MOM'S ALWAYS BUSY, SO .

COOKING CLUB? EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A BOY?
brush

WELL, SHE DIDN'T RETURN FROM WORK YESTERDAY EITHER
MOM..

IT'S NOT WORK BUT A MAN, RIGHT?
?!
THE GRANDMAS IN THE NEIGH-BORHOOD HAVE BEEN GOSSIPING, SAYING SOMETHING LIKE "HOW COULD KAWASAKI-SAN LEAVE HER SON ALONE AND RUN OFF WITH A MAN?!"
...what's that?! You don't know anything!
Mom's just going through a lot of troubles!
That's why...
she can't help it...?

She can't help not eating dinner?

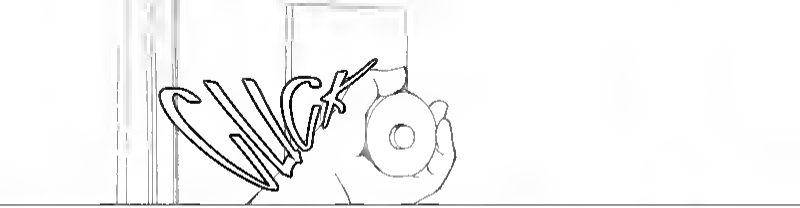


She can't help not coming home....?

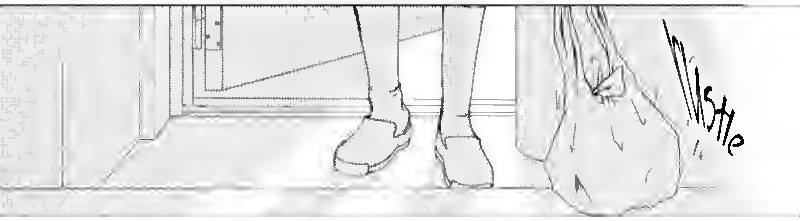
Confinement Day 3

Huh?
THEY WERE AMAZINGLY BAD!
TOO SWEET!!
I see!
That's why she won't eat it.
if I do,
you'll eat it, won't you,
If I make something delicious,
Mom?!
!

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT MONEY.
HAIJI-KUN, YOU ARE A CHILD
THERE'S NO POINT IN DOING SOMETHING SO CHILDISH!
I'M GIVING UP THIS CONFINE-MENT!
WHAT'S WRONG?
IF I DON'T BECOME AN ADULT SOON,
AN HONEST ADULT
Haiji-kun's words...
I WANT TO GO AND LIVE BY MYSELF
...were like an incantation.

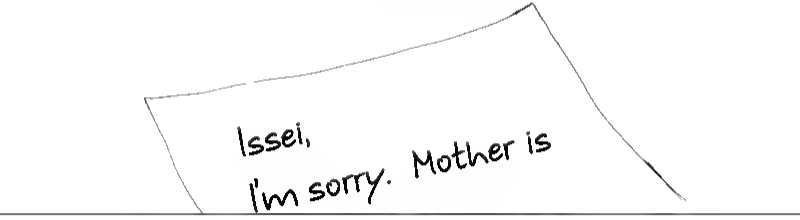


What's living alone?



What is an honest adult?

Those words were very distant to me.



Very distant.

Issei,
I'm sorry Mother is leaving this place.
Issei is a good boy so you should be
OK by yourself, right? Stay healthy
and try your hardest from now on.
Goodbye
Issei's a good boy so you should be OK
by yourself, right?

Issei's a good boy...

ひらり
ふわ

It hurts.
It hurts ...
It's painful ..
It's not ...
...painful ...?
It's painful!
It's painful!
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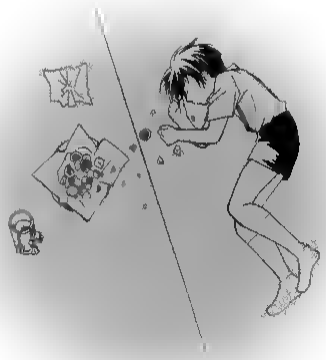
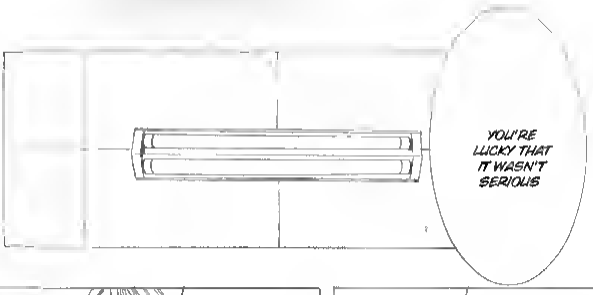
It's painful!
It's painful!




YOU'RE LUCKY THAT IT WASN'T SERIOUS

YOU KNOW, YOU COULD DIE FROM A STOMACH ULCER!

IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF I HAD DIED

IT'S 'CAUSE YOU PUSHED YOURSELF TOO HARD EVEN THOUGH YOU HAD A STOMACHACHE. YOU IDIOT.

WELL...
YOU DID REALLY WELL.
YOU REALLY OVERDID IT, EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE A MOTHER COMPLEX!
IT'S JUST SOME CHEAP STUFF, THOUGH
OH, YEAH HERE, TAKE THIS
THERE'S NO TASTE
YOURS ARE JUST TOO SWEET!
I thought it'd be fine if I just endured it.

Hey, did you know? Enduring and being all righteous are completely different things.

You should be OK by yourself, right?

You were a person who was somewhat like a cloud.

Even though you're right by me, I couldn't touch you.

I can only gaze at you.

You disappear too fast.

I can't even see you off.

I don't understand anything anymore.
I WAS TOLD I WAS "HIDING MY TRUE SELF."
HAIJI-KUN...
ISSEI...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
"You think that if you show your weak side to everyone, then they'll suddenly be nice to you?"
BUT I UNDERSTOOD WHAT YOU SAID WHEN YOU TOLD ME THAT...
BUT I DIDN'T INTEND TO DO SUCH A THING.
I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I WANTED TO DO.

I wanted to be treated kindly by someone.
I didn't want to be alone.
IF I LOOK AT MY REFLECTION IN THE MIRROR,
I'M EMPTY.
EMPTY.
Being tasteless is fine.
I don't like suffering.
I don't like sweet things anymore.
Being nothing is the best.
But, I'm still...

...expecting something.
I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL MYSELF...
I want to kill the me who is like that...!!

BUT, I DON'T KNOW HOW I SHOULD DIE.
AND THERE'S STILL SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO. .
I'M GLAD I DIDN'T DIE AT THAT TIME.
ISSEI!!
WHAT IS THAT IN THAT TREE?!

Next
WHY YOU_!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING!!
YOU BASTARD!!
Stab

MM-HMM
LET'S GO!
Meow
RING...
RING...

HUH?
...I'VE BEEN THINK-ING...
I'M TELLING THIS TO ALL THE SIBLINGS THAT WENT TO SHIROHATO PARK, RIGHT?
YES. KAWASAKI-SENPAI AND NANASE-SENPAI ARE IN THE HOSPITAL, SO GETTING EVERYONE IS IMPOSSIBLE,
BUT I'LL TELL THEM ABOUT IT THROUGH A LETTER.
THE CRIMINAL IS AMONG THOSE SIBLINGS.
WILL THE CRIMINAL JUST COME,
KNOWING THAT I'LL TELL THE TRUTH?
HE MIGHT COME AND STOP US...
CLAK
Sho

THUD
AH!
STOMP STOMP
UWAHHH!!
SCK
Rikujou senpai!!!
step step
WHAT'S

?!

beep
beep
C-CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE!!
YOTSUJI-SENPAI!!

WHY?!
EVEN THOUGH HE'S NOT..!!
ISSEI!!
...HEY DID KEN-CHAN ...
UWAHHH!!
W-WHO DID THIS..?!

Even though I'm the one...
Who killed Takumi kun.

IT WAS ME. I KILLED TAKUMI-KUN AND BURIED HIM.
ISSEI!!
THE
SHIKOHATO PARK MEMORIES
I HID THE BONES, TOO
HAIJI-KUN ALREADY FOUND THEM YESTERDAY
I'VE BEEN HIDING IT ALL THIS TIME.
THIS IS THE STOLEN SKETCHBOOK

But Mitsukr-kun saw me.
LUCKILY, YUUGO-KUN SUGGESTED MOVING THE REPORT TO THE NEXT DAY
"Could you give me one day? I want to sort out my feelings."
AMAGAWA-SAN, WHEN YOU SAID YOU WOULD REPORT TO THE POLICE,
I TRIED DES-PERATELY TO HIDE THE FACT THAT I HID THE BONES
The next day, Haru-chan, who heard from Mitsukr-kun, came to see me.
And then he wrote the threatening note with paint on Amasawa-san's desk.
ONII-CHAN IS ALWAYS WATCHING YOU
He was there when I stole the sketchbook in the Student Council Room, too,
and then the stuffed rabbit!!
Haru-chan, because he was interested, said to cooperate so that Amasawa-san wouldn't say anything anymore.

AMASAWA-SAN, HARU-CHAN WANTED TO KILL YOU.
BUT TO HIM, THE INCIDENT WAS JUST AN EXCUSE FOR HIM TO MURDER SOMEONE
HARU-CHAN WAS JUST STIR-RING UP THE INCIDENT.
AMASAWA-SAN, YOU OVERESTI-MATE TOO MUCH
THANKS TO THAT I MANAGED TO GET AWAY WITH TRICKING YOU ALL THIS TIME
I WASN'T THINKING ABOUT ANYONE BUT MYSELF!
Is that why you've been avoiding the case? Because if Yuugo-kun found out, he would be angry...
THE "ONIICHAN" YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS A GUY LIKE THIS,
REI!
Kawasaki-senpai!!!

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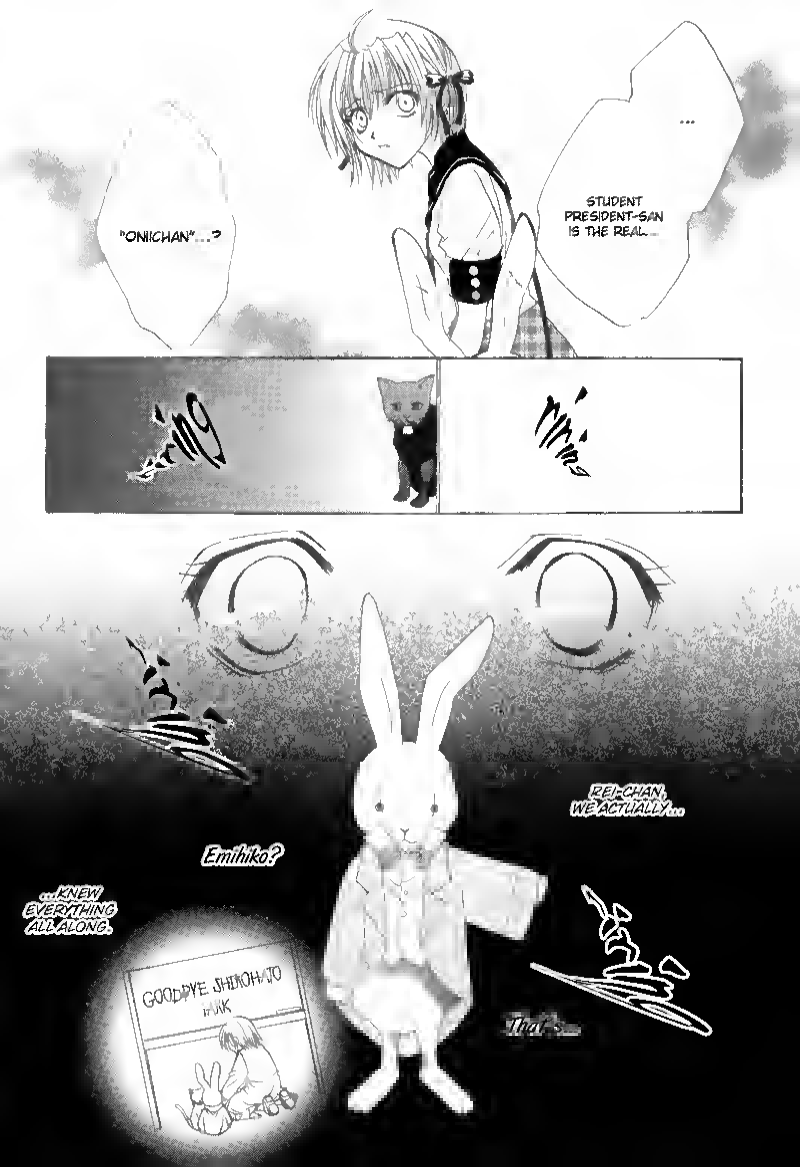
FINAL STAGE: THE STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

ENOUGH, ISSEI
ah
THAT'S ENOUGH ALREADY.
Student President-san?
STOP!!
THE ONII-CHAN YOU WERE SEARCHING FOR
IS ME

LOOK AT THIS!!
?!

A star-shaped birthmark?!
WH... WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT...?
ISSEI,
WHEN YOU SAW THIS, YOU THOUGHT IT WAS ME, TOO, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU DID ALL OF THIS ON YOUR OWN,
IF YOU REALLY WERE THE CRIMINAL, WOULDN'T YOU HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN RID OF THIS DRAWING?
WOULD YOU PURPOSELY BRING THIS, JUST TO SHOW THAT YOU STOLE IT?
EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED
AND DIDN'T SEE ANY OF IT

BUT HE...
BECAME THE EVIDENCE THAT I WAS THE CRIMINAL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STUDENT PRESIDENT-SAN IS THE REAL...
"ONICHAN"...?
REI-CHAN, WE ACTUALLY...
Emihiko?
...KNEW EVERYTHING ALL ALONG!
GOODBYE, SHIROH/TO
That's...

Stairway to heaven, stairway to heaven.
It's a good luck charm to cheer you up, Rei!
YES,
I GOT IT, ONIICHAN!
AH!
tap tap
STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
step step step
trot trot

Shuu
WHY YOU!!
That's Takumi-kun...?
Yotsuji-senpai!!
WHAT'S WITH YOU?! IT'S THE TRUTH!!
WHAT'S WITH YOU?! IT'S THE TRUTH!! IF SOMEONE LIKE YOU EVER FALLS IN LOVE AND GETS MARRIED YOU'LL BECOME JUST LIKE YOUR DAD!
JUST LIKE YOUR IMPULSIVELY VIOLENT FATHER!

I WONDER WHO'S STRONGER?
H... H...
PUNCH
THUD
Onii-chan!!
?!

PI
S-SAVE ME...
UGH...
SHOVE
STOP IT!!

Slide Slide
Slide
HMPH!
beep beep beep
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU KNOW?!
BEEP BEEP
WHAT? IS IT OVER ALREADY? THAT WAS BORING!
TAKUMI-KUN, ARE YOU OK...?
TAKUMI-KUN?!

TAKUMI-KUN?!
HE.... COULDN'T BE...
He couldn't be...
LET'S
LET'S HIDE HIM
"Let's hide him."

!!
UWAH!
DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS!!
nod nod
pant pant
I FOUND YOU! ☆
appear

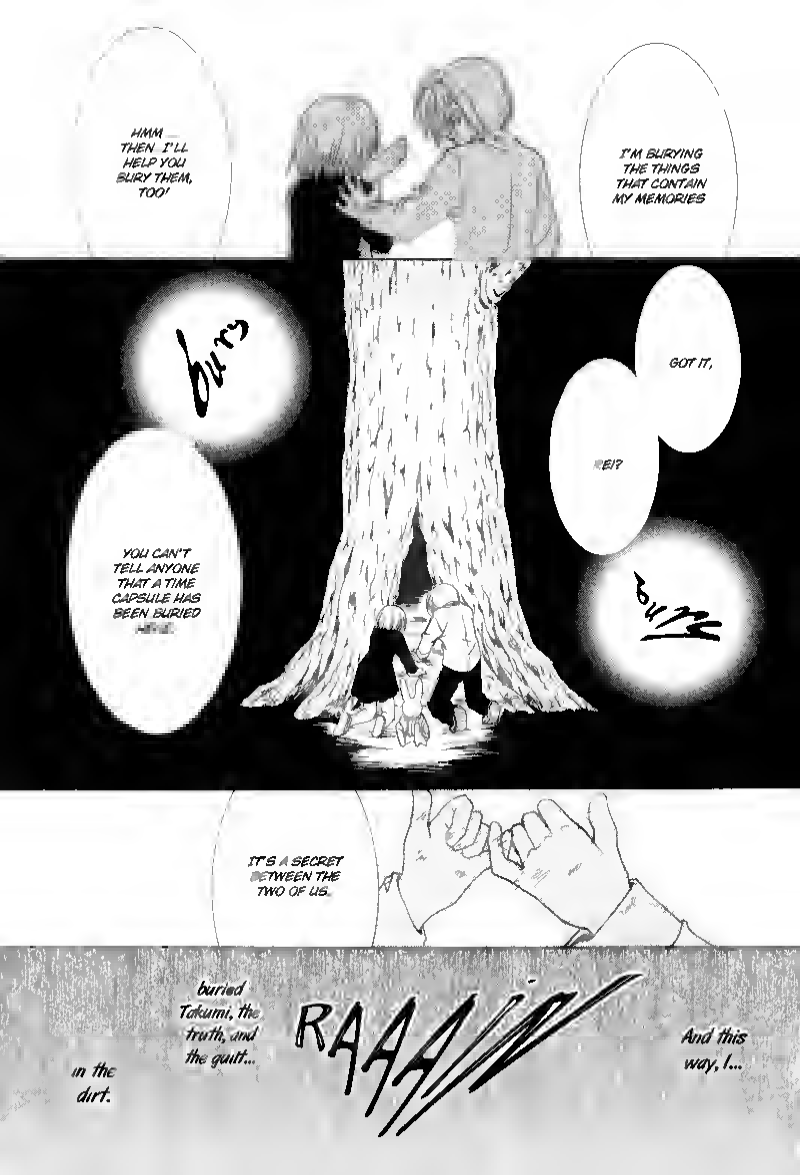
DON'T WORRY. I WON'T TELL ANYONE...
HOW YOU'RE A LOW BASTARD WHO WATCHED HIS OWN FRIEND DIE!
Onichan...?
I HAVE TO HIDE HIM...
I HAVE TO HIDE HIM
Shiro
Shiro

Wai—
SHOCK
YOU CAN'T, ONIICHAN...
WAIT...
mm...
WAIT...
SHOCK

WHY DID I WANT TO HIDE HIM SO SOON...?
I WAS AN IDIOT...
IF I HADN'T PUSHED HIM AWAY, TAKUMI WOULD HAVE PROBABLY DIED, ANYWAY...
BUT,
THE ONLY THING I COULD THINK ABOUT WAS HOW I KILLED TAKUMI!!!
I did the same thing my parents did!

To hide Takumi, I went to the hill behind the park.
Luckily, all the adults were gathered in the office to discuss the procedure for closing the place down.
No one was watching.
Mitsuki might have noticed, but he's timid and wouldn't tell anyone about it. He felt guilty after all.
ER
I HAVE TO HIDE HIM
FASTER
When Takumi was buried in the dirt...
ONIICHAN
REI?

I DIDN'T SEE IT, ONIICHAN
I... NOTHING AT ALL
DID YOU SEE WHAT WAS BURIED?! REI!!
DID YOU SEE ALL THAT, REI?
?!
WHAT DID YOU BURY?
T-THAT'S RIGHT, REI. YOU CAN'T COME HERE.
Rei was dazed, almost as though she was sleep-walking.
What do I do? Bury him again?
But if I do that, the adults will find him.
...IT'S A TIME CAPSULE, REI.
That's right. It's not like she's seen the body.


HMM... THEN I'LL HELP YOU BURY THEM, TOO!
I'M BURYING THE THINGS THAT CONTAIN MY MEMORIES
bury
GOT IT, REI?
YOU CAN'T TELL ANYONE THAT A TIME CAPSULE HAS BEEN BURIED HERE.
bury
IT'S A SECRET BETWEEN THE TWO OF US.
buried Takumi, the truth, and the guilt...
RAAAW
And this way, I...
in the dirt.

I TOLD MYSELF TO FORGET THAT EVENT
AND SO, EVERYONE LEFT SHIROHATO PARK.
I dug under the roots of the tree where Takumi was buried, but...
What if Rei unburied the time capsule?
WHEN I HEARD THAT SHE HAD BEEN TAKEN FAR AWAY, I THOUGHT THAT SHE WOULD NEVER RETURN AGAIN.
BUT, WHEN I LEARNED THAT REI WAS GOING TO ATTEND THIS SCHOOL, I BECAME WORRIED.
WHEN I FIRST SAW THE SKETCHBOOK, I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A PICTURE OF THEM PLAYING IN THE SAND,
BUT...
I DIDN'T THINK THAT ISSEI WOULD HIDE IT BEFORE I HAD A CHANCE TO HIDE IT AGAIN...
"He's not here?!"

WHEN AMASAWA-SAN SAID THAT IT WAS A PICTURE OF THEM BURYING A TIME CAPSULE, I NOTICED IT.
THAT BIRTHMARK!
AND THAT THE "CRIMINAL" WAS HAIJI-KUN

I thought I couldn't do anything but hide it...!
But...
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK

BANG
DRIP
DRIP
. .WHAT'S THIS...?
EVEN THOUGH YOU ALL KNEW . .
DRIP
DRIP
EVERYONE DID IT. .
ALL OF YOU!!

WHY-WHY-
WHY-WHY?!!
WHY?!
WHY DOES
TAKUMI-KUN HAVE
TO BE KILLED?!
Yuugo-kun!!!

ALL OF YOU CAN DIE, TOO!!
HAJI-KUN, TOO!
YOTSUJI, TOO!!
...
YUUGO-KUN..?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!!
I WAS THE ONE WHO STABBED YOTSUJI!!

I wanted to know about Takumi.
I couldn't wait until Rei-chan and Mitsuki-kun arrived.
I can't wait!
Just a little faster!
TAKUMI? I HAVEN'T MET HIM SINCE I FOUGHT HIM.
And so he...

When I got here, Yotsuji had already arrived.

FIGHT?
HE SAID SOMETHING THAT GOT ME IN A BAD MOOD.
YEAH. IT WAS WHEN SHIROHATO PARK WAS BEING CLOSED DOWN.
SO I BEAT HIM HALF TO DEATH.

STAB
THAT'S WHY...
I...
HEY, EVERY-ONE.
Do...
click
push
click
push
YOU ALL SEEM CHEER-FUL...
SPLASH

LET ME BE YOUR FRIEND, TOO!
THAT'S UNFAIR...
THANK YOU FOR THE PARTY INVITATION!
REI-CHAN,
THESE BURN REALLY WELL...!
HA HA...!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?!
NANASE-KUN?!

FALL
YUUGO-KUN!!

BIG

AMASAWA-SAN!!
YOU GO AHEAD FIRST!! YOTSUJI-SENPAI'S -
HMM...
IT'S BECAUSE NO ONE WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND...
EVERYONE,
BYE-BYE!
I WONDER...
IF ONE AMBULANCE WAS ENOUGH...
PLOP

...HOW...
...WEIRD...
THIS ISN'T RIGHT.
Why isn't the one collapsed and covered in blood me?
I'D BE GLAD TO BE IN YOUR PLACE,
SINCE I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR ME.
THERE WAS NOTHING BEFORE.
THERE'S NOTHING AHEAD EITHER...
SO I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN YOUR PLACE...

I didn't intend to shake it off,
but I struggled and struggled,
even though it was all in vain.
But, burying Takumi was my fault alone...
I always blamed my parents for everything.
THERE WAS NO WAY YOU COULD HAVE TAKEN MY PLACE
YOU IDIOT
I WAS THE ONE WHO DID IT AFTER ALL
I've become just like my parents!

YOU KNOW... DO YOU THINK REI'S GOING TO RETURN WITH YOU STAYING HERE LIKE THIS?
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN SHOCK FOR?! ARE YOU OK WITH LEAVING REI ALONE?!
HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO WAIT?!
IS BEING ALONE YOUR FAULT?!
THAT'S NOT IT, RIGHT?!

THEN, SHAKE IT OFF!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT THOSE PEOPLE WHO DISAPPEARED A LONG TIME AGO SAID TO YOU!!
YOU'RE LOSING JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE TIED DOWN!!
BECAUSE...
YOU'RE NOT TO BLAME...!

How long...
have I been trapped in that small castle...?
No matter how long I waited, I knew no one would come.
At that time, I was a child, so I couldn't do anything.
I thought that everything would be fine if I just endured it.
Did I have to be a good boy...?
Should I go search for that person who hasn't come back for me?
Should I go search for her, catch her, and say, "Don't leave"?
If I do that, would I not have to live alone anymore?

I don't get it...
I don't know what will happen from now on.
But,
for now...!!
I KNOW THAT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING NOW,
BUT I WONDER WHY I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING AT THAT TIME ...
IF I HAD STAYED AT THE FAREWELL PARTY UNTIL THE VERY END, HE WOULDN'T HAVE DIED...
TAKUMI ...

I'M SORRY...
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING?
I... COULDN'T SAVE TAKUMI-KUN.
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR YUUGO-KUN EITHER
I COULDN'T SAVE EITHER OF YOU.
YUUGO-KUN — WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?
THERE WERE TOO MANY THINGS I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT
dr-dr-dr-dr-dr-dr

AT THE VERY LEAST, I WANT TO DO SOMETHING..
THAT I CAN DO!
LET ME DO SOMETHING
THEN.
LET'S GO TO WHERE TAKUMI IS

REI!!
PLEASE, DON'T TAKE HER

DON'T LEAVE

I'M BEGGING YOU.

SINCE I KNOW WHERE THEY'RE HEADED TO,
Whee
I'LL LEAVE WHAT'S IN THERE TO YOU, SO CAN YOU BURN IT?
THIS IS THE KEY TO MY DESK
HOLD
REI-CHAN, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU
I'LL WRITE TO YOU,

SORRY TO HAVE MADE YOU WAIT!
KAWASAKI-SENPAI!

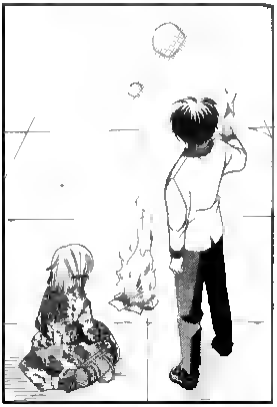
IS IT ALL RIGHT TO ACTUALLY BURN THESE?
YEAH, YUUGO-KUN ASKED ME TO
THEY HAD ACCUMULATED OVER TIME
What was inside the desk...
were mountains of letters...
Takumi,
How're you doing?
A lot's been going on here, but I'll do something about it this year, I'll be taking the exams. Have you decided which high school to apply to? I think I want to go to Shinchato Academy. What if you go too? The hot-chain you love might just go there, too. See you next time.
Yuugo
addressed to Takumi-kun.
Letters without a place to go to...

SO THIS IS A TRUE FAREWELL TO TAKUMI-KUN.
THAT'S OUR AGENDA.
TAKUMI-KUN'S BEEN DEAD FOR A WHILE.
YOU'RE RIGHT...
THAT'S HOW OUR FEELINGS WORK.
HEY, KAWASAKI-SENPAI,
I'VE GAINED BACK A LOT OF MY MEMORIES
THE ONES ABOUT PLAYING IN SHIROHATO PARK,
EVERYONE, AND...
ONICHAN.

He was always studying, and every once in awhile, he'd throw a fit...
and would rudely say anything he wanted to.
ONIICHAN WASN'T A KIND PERSON LIKE I THOUGHT HE WAS.
BUT,
AN ONIICHAN LIKE THAT CHEERED ME UP
"Stairway to heaven,"
"stairway to heaven."
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT?!
STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN, STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
TRY SAYING IT.
IT'S A GOOD LUCK CHARM TO CHEER YOU UP.

I KEPT THINKING THAT IT'S THEIR FAULT THAT SHE'S CRYING!
BUT ... SHE WAS GETTING ON MY NERVES!

I JUST THOUGHT THAT IT WAS RARE ... FOR HAIJI-KUN TO BE COMFORTING A GIRL.

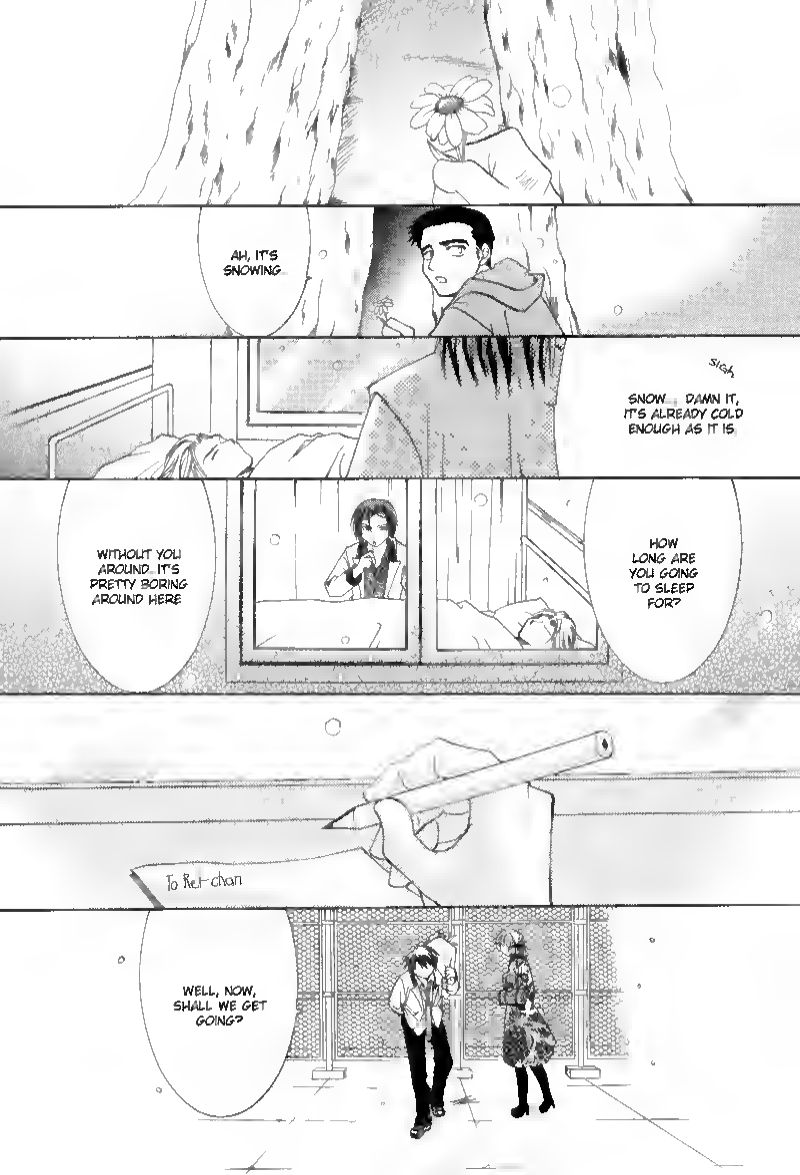


AH ...

WILL LET RELAX HER.
...SO, I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE THAT CHILDREN'S TRICK...

WOW!
SNOW!

It was like she suddenly appeared before me.
YET WHY ARE THEY FALLING RIGHT NOW?
NO MATTER HOW FAR I STRETCHED, I COULDN'T REACH THEM...
IT LOOKS LIKE THE CLOUDS ARE FALLING DOWN!
YOU FINALLY FELL, SO DON'T DISAPPEAR ON ME, LITTLE SNOWFLAKE
BUT IT'LL DISAPPEAR
IF THAT HAPPENS, THEN YOU CAN SEE IT JUST A BIT LONGER!
I'M SURE IT'LL PILE UP!
THAT'LL BE PRETTY.


AH, IT'S SNOWING
SIGH
SNOW... DAMN IT, IT'S ALREADY COLD ENOUGH AS IT IS
WITHOUT YOU AROUND IT'S PRETTY BORING AROUND HERE
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO SLEEP FOR?
To Ret-chan
WELL, NOW, SHALL WE GET GOING?

Stairway to heaven, stairway to heaven.

I wish that the light fills my heart.

Fin

AFTER WORD

It's the end!! I'm glad I could actually finish this!! When I first started this, I was worried that I wouldn't finish everything within two volumes, but I managed to draw every episode in somehow. I'm sure there were many people who, after reading the first chapter, found it hard to continue. Since I figured out the last chapter already, I drew it without hesitation, but as I was drawing, I was scared and kept thinking, "I wonder how the reader will react?" But when I read the letters sent to me after the last chapter, I was surprised. Not only did everyone earnestly read this manga, they imagined all sorts of endings to the story. That made me really happy. For all of you who sent me letters, thank you so much!! Please wait patiently for the replies. There were many parts that were awkward, but I managed to draw all of it, so I'm very satisfied with myself. To all of you who read the story and to all of you who have cooperated with me, thank you very much!

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Isei was first place. I worked hard drawing him so he'd be happy! No one likes Kenchan.

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